

REMARKS


The specification has been amended to include a reference to prior Application Serial No. 09/936,941, filed December 4, 2001 (Notice of Allowance dated December 19, 2003), which in turn claims the benefit of PCT/JP00/01108, filed February 25, 2000, as required by 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2).

Claims 1-10 have been canceled. The pending application now contains claims 11-19.

Allowance of the application is solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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